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MARSHALL MAN CHARGED WITH ARSON AND MAIL FRAUD

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced that a 29-year-old Marshall man was arrested today on a charge of arson and mail fraud in the Eastern District of Texas. **KETANBHAI GAMANBHAI PATEL** has been charged with the 2005 arson of the Days Inn in Marshall, Texas. Patel had an initial appearance before U. S. Magistrate Judge John Love in Tyler.

According to the indictment, Patel, acting in concert with one or more unknown persons, caused a portion of the Days Inn located on Interstate 20 in Marshall, Texas, to be burned. The indictment also alleges that Patel committed mail fraud in his efforts to collect insurance on the property. Additional charges include conspiracy to commit arson and use of fire to commit a felony.

If convicted of all charges, Patel faces up to 90 years in federal prison, and a fine on each charge of up to \$250,000. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Marshall, Texas, Fire Marshals Office, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Alan Jackson and Gregg Marchessault.

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